



## ***SURFACE FACILITIES FOREMAN FOR SHOPS, LABS AND WAREHOUSES***

Article 3 of the Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia establishes requirements for certification of coal mine workers. The certification requirements are included in §45.1-161.24 through §45.1-161.41 in which the Board of Coal Mining Examiners is established for the purpose of administering the certification program. The Board has promulgated certification regulations 4 VAC 25-20, which set the minimum standards and procedures required for Virginia coal miner examinations and certifications.

### **CERTIFICATION CLASSIFICATION: *\*Surface Facilities Foreman For Shops, Labs & Warehouses***

This certification authorizes the holder to:

- Perform foreman and/or examiner duties at shops, labs and warehouses required by State and Federal laws and regulations

**NOTE:** This certification shall not be used in lieu of other certifications.

### **APPLICATION/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:**

- Application (BCME-1) and \$40.00 fee 5 working days prior to examination
- Possess one year work experience at a shop, lab or warehouse or appropriately related work experience approved by the Chief of the Division of Mines
- Current first aid training (MSHA 5000-23 Annual Retraining or New Miner Inexperienced Training acceptable)
- Hold a General Miner Certification as part of this certification (A card will be issued)

**EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS:** A score of 80% on each element of the examination

<b>ELEMENTS OF EXAM</b>	<b>NUMBER OF QUESTIONS</b>
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First Aid (FA)	20
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Surface Facilities (SF)	50
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- Electrical
- Equipment
- Examinations
- Fire Prevention
- General Provisions
- Personal Protection
- Gas Detection - practical demonstration
- Records – practical

### **RECOMMENDED REFERENCE/STUDY MATERIALS:**

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| ▪ Title 30 CFR Part 50, 71, 77      | ▪ Surface Facilities Foreman Guide |
| ▪ Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia | ▪ First Aid for Miners Study Guide |
| ▪ BCME Requirements                 |                                    |

The above mentioned study materials are available at the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy's Big Stone Gap Office, Customer Assistance Center (276) 523-8233 and Keen Mountain Field Office (276) 498-4533.